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Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, 29 January 2009, at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 6078th meeting, held in private on 29 January 2009, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Maintenance of international peace and security: respect for international humanitarian law'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Mr. Pierre Bertrand, Director, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Office in New York; Ms. Jessica Neuwirth, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and

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Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Dominique Buff, Head of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross.

"Members of the Council, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Buff, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Neuwirth and Mr. Strohmeyer had an exchange of views."